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Dear Sir and/or Madam:

I am writing to you regarding Proceeding 04-233. I am requesting that you do NOT pass the proposed changes.

I regularly listen to two Christian radio stations. They play music whose lyrics are empowering and encouraging. As a mother of young children, I do not want my children exposed to messages about violence, anger, crime, drugs, escapism, and sexual conduct. With Christian radio, there is no fear of this. I am one person of millions who financially supports Christian radio because I believe in their mission and want it to continue.

I am concerned about the proposed changes to Christian radio. While I believe it is valuable for any corporation to have input from a variety of sources on ways to improve their service, Christian radio and other religious groups must reserve the right to not broadcast or be swayed by any views or opinions that are inconsistent with their beliefs. The First Amendment assures citizens of free speech. Christian radio exercises that right every day, by broadcasting their beliefs based on the Bible. Forcing Christian radio to take programming advice from community advisory boards which broadly represent an area's population could undermine their free speech.

My second concern is regarding the proposed staffing regulations. All Christian radio is listener supported. They do not accept or play advertisements, on which most secular radio stations rely heavily for their operating budgets. As operating costs rapidly increase due to electricity, building maintenance, et al., some small radio stations broadcast using satellite part of the time, so a staff person is not directly present during that time, thereby saving some money. In this era when all corporations are required to do more with less, Christian radio is doing the same thing. Requiring a staff person to be physically present when not required will increase the budget of that radio station. And for a small translator station, that could effectively shut it down. Being from Idaho, which has many small,

rural communities, our Christian radio stations are especially at risk if this proposal is enacted. And for me and my family, that would be a tragedy.

I ask that the proposed rule changes under Proceeding 04-233 NOT be passed to protect Free Speech and allow continued radio broadcasting in small and rural communities.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Karole Beck